

HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP
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Friday, March 23, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
9:00 a.m. For Legislative Business Five "One-Minutes" per side	Last Vote 11:00am-12:00pm

ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL TODAY
Any anticipated Member absences for votes today should be reported immediately to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

Members are advised that recorded votes will occur as early as 9:10am.

- **H.R. 1591, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act of 2007 (Rep. Obey—Appropriations):** This morning the House will complete consideration of H.R. 1591. The remaining time for debate on the bill will be managed by Appropriations Committee Chair David Obey, or his designee, and consideration will proceed in the following order:
 - Complete debate on the bill.
 - Debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill. **Democrats are expected to VOTE NO on the Republican Motion to Recommit regardless of its content.**
 - Vote on final passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote YES on final passage.**

H.R. 1591, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act of 2007

This bill will support our troops and veterans, hold the Bush Administration and Iraqi government accountable and bring our soldiers home by August 2008 or sooner. In addition, the bill would address urgent unmet domestic needs that the Republican 109th Congress neglected.

For the full Appropriations Committee summary of the bill, [click here](#).

Quote of the Day

“The House of Representatives now has a chance to lead the nation toward a wiser, more responsible Iraq policy. It is scheduled to vote this week on whether to impose benchmarks for much-needed political progress on the Iraqi government — and link them to the continued presence of American combat forces. The bill also seeks to lessen the intolerable strains on American forces, requiring President Bush to certify that units are fit for battle before sending any troops to Iraq. Both of these requirements are long overdue. The House should vote yes, by an overwhelming, bipartisan margin. . . . If Iraq’s leaders were truly committed to national reconciliation and reining in their civil war, there would be no need for benchmarks or deadlines. But they are not. If Mr. Bush were willing to grasp Iraq’s horrifying reality, he would be the one imposing benchmarks, timetables and readiness rules. **He will not, so Congress must.** American troops should not be trapped in the middle of a blood bath that neither Mr. Bush nor Iraq’s leaders have the vision or the will to halt.”—[New York Times, March 22, 2007](#)

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